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**ASSIGNEE
NAME:** International Business
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TITLE: Vault Controller Supervisor and Method of Operation for
Managing Multiple Independent Vault Processes & Browser
Sessions for Users in an Electronic Business System

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SIR:

The above-named application is a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/223,765 (prior application). Enclosed are the following papers relating to the application:

New specification including changes made in the prior application in a Preliminary Amendment dated July 28, 1999 and an Amendment dated January 31, 2001, as well as additional changes presented therein.

8 sheets of informal drawings

Copy of signed Declaration from prior application

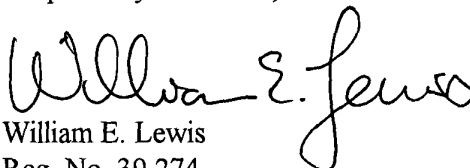
| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | |
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| | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
| Total Claims | 21-20 = | 1 | x \$18 = | \$18 |
| Independent Claims | 3-3 = | 0 | x \$84 = | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable | | | \$280 = | \$0 |
| Basic Fee | | | | \$750 |
| TOTAL FEE: | | | | \$768 |

1. This application is being filed by all of the inventors named in the prior application.
2. The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corporation.
3. An Associate Power of Attorney to the undersigned has been entered in the prior application.
4. Applicants also submit herewith a copy of the PTO-1449 form from the prior application. Applicants respectfully request that the cited references, which are of record in the prior application, be listed on the face of any patent issuing from the present continuation application.
5. The correspondence address in the prior application was changed during prosecution to the address given below.

Please file the application and charge **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0459** the amount of \$768. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **International Business Machines Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0459** as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

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